

WHO FIRED FIRST SHOT?

Investigations Going On to Determine the Responsibility for Fort San Carlos Affair.

EVIDENTLY THE WORK OF THE PANTHER.

The Venezuelan War Minister Says the Report that the Fort Fired First is Stupid, as the Guns Were Inoperable and Unable to Cope with Those of the Cruiser.

Caracas, Jan. 26.—A press correspondent has been making inquiries with a view to ascertaining whether the German gunboat Panther or Fort San Carlos fired the first shot.

The foreign minister said: "The Panther on January 17 attacked the fort first without provocation. The gunboat approached the fort and fired on it. We can guarantee that the attack was premeditated and planned in Berlin. The proof of this assertion is a letter we received on the morning of January 16 from Caracas, and which President Castro retains in his possession, notifying us that San Carlos would be attacked between January 16 and January 18, that is to say, before the arrival of United States Minister Bowen at Washington. Another proof that this attack was premeditated is the circumstances that Gen. Bello, who is in command of the fortress, received no notification as to the object of the Panther in approaching the fortress similar to the written ultimatum that the Germans transmitted through the United States consul to the Venezuelan representative at Puerto Cabello, when Fort Libertador was shelled."

The correspondent also saw Dr. Torres Cardenas, President Castro's secretary. Dr. Cardenas was at first unwilling to discuss the matter, but afterwards said:

"The Panther attacked first. We have proof of it. Germany may try to explain her conduct by asserting that the fort fired on the vessels first, but we deny it. It was not the fortress, which is immovable, that called on the Germans. No, it was the Panther, which was enforcing the blockade outside the bar six miles from the fortress, which one morning came and attacked the fortress. Why should we attack? Have we tried, since December 9, to trouble the Germans, English or Italians, notwithstanding their aggressive policy? Our role was finished a fortnight ago. Mr. Bowen, the United States minister, represents our interests, and we were patiently and silently awaiting the result of his mission, when this sad event occurred. Compare the conduct of England and Italy with Germany's system of enforcing the blockade. You will see that the latter alone has interest in creating trouble."

The Venezuelan war minister said: "The report that we fired first on the Panther is stupid. Venezuela, being aware that the guns of the fortress were inferior and of shorter range than the German guns, had learned by the experience of the shelling of Puerto Cabello that if anyone suffered it would be the fortress."

DETECTIVE SHOT TO DEATH.

Supposed Robbers of Union (Mo.) Bank Fire on a Poss with Fatal Results.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—One man was shot to death and several others are thought to have been wounded in a fight between officers, led by a detective, and the supposed robbers of the bank at Union, Mo., December 26, about ten miles from Sullivan, Mo., Saturday morning.

STILL AT LARGE.

The Robbers Who Killed Detective Not Yet Captured.

St. Louis, Jan. 26.—The Union (Mo.) bank robbers, who made their escape after killing Detective Charles J. Schumacher, of St. Louis, and beating off two Franklin county (Mo.) posse, Saturday were not captured Sunday.

Early in the morning it was reported to Sheriff Bruch that two men, one of them wounded, answering the description of William Rudolph and his companion, known as Fred Lewis, were seen crossing the Colorado railroad at Beaufort, Mo., 12 miles west of Union and about twenty miles northwest of Stanton. This rumor was not substantiated.

Sheriff Bruch and his deputies returned to Union Sunday night, and, after placing four members of Rudolph's family in jail, retired for a few hours' rest.

Rich Vein of Lead and Zinc.

Eldorado, Ill., Jan. 25.—A rich vein of fluor spar has been discovered by the Big Four Zinc Mining and Prospecting Co., of Harrisburg, at a depth of ten feet. The company has a fine vein of graphite and is opening a shaft for lead and zinc.

Regarded as a Blow to Silver.

Mexico City, Jan. 25.—The news of the passage of the substitute Philippine currency bill by the United States house of representatives is regarded here as a serious blow to silver.

Fire in Thirteen-Story Building.

New York, Jan. 26.—Fire in the 13-story office building, 15 Murray street, Sunday, damaged the structure to the extent of about \$75,000. The stock and furniture of a number of tenants were damaged about \$25,000.

Gov. Odell's Sister Dead.

Newburgh, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Miss Ophelia Odell, the eldest sister of Gov. B. Odell, Jr., died Sunday at the home of her father, from oedema of the lungs, following the grip.

THE TREATY WITH COLOMBIA.

The Subject Discussed at a Cabinet Meeting and Satisfactorily Expressed at Results Achieved.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Friday's meeting of the cabinet was one of the most important held in several weeks. Subjects of great moment were discussed fully, the session continuing for two hours. All the members of the cabinet were present, Secretary Hay leaving his home for the first time in several days to attend the meeting. He presented a draft of the Panama canal treaty signed Thursday evening, and both the president and his associates in the cabinet expressed satisfaction with the results achieved through the long and difficult negotiations.

Differ as to the Annuity.

The treaty is identical with that drawn by this government several months ago, and at that time submitted to the Colombian government, with the single exception of the amount of annuity to be paid Colombia for the right of way of the canal. This government proposed an annuity of \$100,000 while Colombia demanded \$250,000. The Colombian government's demand was based, it is stated, upon the ascertained returns from the Panama Railroad Co. in port dues, etc., which Colombia did not desire to have reduced. During the several months of negotiations Colombia agreed to all points in the treaty proposed by the United States with the exception of the annuity.

The Amount Increased.

That has been the point of difference for many weeks, and at one time it threatened to break off negotiations entirely. Secretary Hay communicated directly with the Colombian government, intimating that some agreement must be reached soon, as the United States desired to enter on the construction of the canal, if it were to be constructed by the Panama route. For several days active efforts have been making to secure an agreement, but not until Thursday were they successful. The Colombian government then, through Mr. Herran, the charge d'affaires here, agreed to accept an annuity of \$250,000. This was entirely satisfactory to the president and Secretary Hay, and while it is a larger amount than was offered at first, it is believed by administration officials that the senate undoubtedly will accept the figure named in the treaty, particularly after it is made clear that a lesser amount would deprive Colombia of income which she is now actually receiving.

United States Will Control Canal.

All other points than this one of money compensation remain as they stood in the original draft of the treaty and are completely satisfactory to the United States. The United States will have control of the canal practically in perpetuity, as required by the Spooner act; this result having been attained by the adoption of a plan for a lease for 100 years, renewable at the pleasure of the United States, and Colombia having nothing to say about the extension of the lease.

Satisfaction at Colon.

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 24.—The news received here Friday that the canal treaty between the United States and Colombia had been signed caused much jubilation throughout the isthmus, and hopes are expressed that the United States will soon begin the completion of the canal.

PUNISHMENT FOR TREASON.

Col. Arthur Lynch, British Subject Who Fought with Boers, Tried and Sentenced to Death.

London, Jan. 24.—Col. Arthur Lynch, who has been on trial here for several days charged with treason, in that he took up arms against the British in the Boer war, was found guilty Friday and immediately sentenced to death.

Lynch took his sentence coolly.

When asked if he had anything to say before sentence was passed, he replied: "Thank you, I will say nothing."

When sentence was pronounced he simply bowed his head to the court and was taken away.

The lord chief justice gave Mrs. Lynch permission to see her husband. After the prisoner had been removed, Lynch and his counsel had a conference regarding the course to be adopted in the future, and later it was announced that no action would be taken at present. Counsel can proceed with applying for a writ of error, but it is thought that this may be rendered unnecessary by the commutation of the sentence to a short term of imprisonment, in which case it is probable that the prisoner will accept the situation.

SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKES.

Distinct Shocks Felt in Different Parts of the South at Almost Precisely the Same Hour.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 24.—An earthquake shock was felt here at 8:11 o'clock Friday night. There was no distinct shock, which was not sufficient to cause any damage to property nor to occasion serious alarm.

Reports from all points nearby the city indicate that the shock was felt throughout lower South Carolina.

Nebraska Bank Embarrassed.

Verdigris, Neb., Jan. 24.—The bank of Verdigris, with a capital stock of \$50,000 and with deposits of \$20,000, failed to open its doors Friday, having been taken in charge by the state bank examiner. A lack of ready cash is said to have caused the embarrassment.

Heavy Snow in Kansas.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 24.—Friday's snowstorm was general over Kansas. About three inches fell. No severe cold accompanied the snow, but the weather is growing colder.

COLORADO SENATORSHIP.

Henry M. Teller Re-Elected United States Senator by Democrats in Joint Session.

THE REPUBLICANS HAD NO HAND IN IT.

The Anti-Wolcott Republicans Say They Will Not Recognize the Election, But Ex-Senator Wolcott Urges the People of Colorado to Accept, as He Does, the Election of Mr. Teller.

Denver, Col., Jan. 26.—Henry M. Teller, who was elected for his sixth term in the United States senate Saturday, at a joint legislative session in which only democrats participated, left the city Saturday night for his country place at Grand Junction. Gov. Peabody, who went to Canon City to spend Sunday at home, was a passenger on the same train. The two distinguished citizens met on the train, and Gov. Peabody extended congratulations to the senator.

"My election, I feel sure, was perfectly legal and regular," said Senator Teller, in conversation with friends, "for I succeeded in getting the majority vote of both houses. I am entitled to a certificate from the governor, and shall expect it, but if I fail to secure gubernatorial credentials I shall be able to take my case before the senate, nevertheless."

When asked if he would sign a certificate of election for Senator Teller, Gov. Peabody replied: "I will cross that bridge when I come to it."

It is understood, however, that the governor will be in no haste to act in



SENATOR HENRY M. TELLER, the matter, but will allow the fullest time for the determination of all the issues before he signs a certificate for any person.

The Colorado senate's term does not begin until March 4, and he is not likely to need any certificate until congress assemblies next November, unless an extra session should be called.

D. B. Fairley, chairman of the republican state committee, whose resignation has been demanded by the vote of a majority of the committee on account of his opposition to the candidacy of E. O. Wolcott for the senate, has given out a statement declaring that the republicans will not recognize Teller's election.

"In my opinion," he said, "the election was illegal and no attention will be paid to it by the state central committee or either faction of the republicans in the house or senate. The election is invalid for the reason that the proper officers did not preside over the joint session."

WOLCOTT WITHDRAWS.

He Urges Colorado People to Accept Mr. Teller's Election.

Denver, Col., Jan. 26.—The climax in the senatorial fight in Colorado came Sunday night when ex-Senator E. O. Wolcott, the candidate for the so-called "starward" wing of the republican party, announced his practical withdrawal from any further contest, and urged the people of Colorado to accept the situation as it stands by the election, Saturday, of Senator Henry M. Teller to succeed himself at the joint session of democratic senators and representatives. The announcement was made in a signed statement, in which Mr. Wolcott charges certain republican leaders associated with the anti-Wolcott forces in the republican ranks with treachery, deliberate and continuous, although he disposes of others of the anti-Wolcott crowd by characterizing them as "dupes" of the main conspirators.

Senator Clark's Brother Dead.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 26.—Joseph K. Clark, brother of United States Senator W. A. Clark, died on Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. G. F. Miller, in this city, aged 60 years.

THE TORPEDO BOAT FLOTILLA.

Bound North, It Puts into Charleston, S. C., for Coal and Other Supplies.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 25.—The torpedo boat flotilla, consisting of the "torpedo" boats Biddle, Bagley, Barney, Stockton and Thornton, under command of Lieut. Chandler, came into port Saturday, for coal and supplies. The vessels are returning from the maneuvers in the Caribbean sea and are bound for Norfolk.

A Sunday Morning Strike.

Goshen, Ind., Jan. 26.—One hundred employees on the Indiana railway struck Sunday morning. Service on the Goshen-South Bend interurban is abandoned, and the city lines in Goshen, Elkhart and South Bend are tied up.

Serum to Fight Pneumonia.

Rome, Jan. 26.—Prof. Tizzoni, of Bologna university, has announced to the Royal Academy of Sciences the discovery of serum to combat pneumonia.

WELCOMED BY THE BOERS.

Mr. Chamberlain's Party, on a Tour of the Country, Pleasantly Received by the Late Fighters.

London, Jan. 26.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain started on Saturday on an interesting wagon trek from Potchefstroom to Mafeking, accompanied by Mrs. Chamberlain, Dr. Arthur Lawley, Maj.-Gen. Baden-Powell and others. There was a picturesque scene outside Ventersdorp, 31 miles west of Potchefstroom. A commando of Boers met the party and escorted it into the town. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Chamberlain. The colonial secretary was conducted to the house of the landrost, and the commando of Boers drew up in a half circle outside. Soon after Gen. Delarey arrived and was cordially received by Mrs. Chamberlain, who introduced him to Mrs. Chamberlain.

After the presentation of an address of welcome Mr. Chamberlain made a speech to the commando, in which he congratulated the Boers on being comrades of so great and gallant a man as Gen. Delarey.

On the conclusion of Mr. Chamberlain's speech Gen. Delarey stepped forward and addressed the Boers in Dutch, declaring his belief that the colonial secretary was the man to set things right in South Africa.

These speeches made an excellent impression. On proceeding on their journey, Gen. Delarey accompanied the party.

SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE.

House of Representatives Meets to Pay Tribute to the Life and Services of Deceased Members.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The house of representatives, Sunday, inaugurated the experiment of holding memorial services for deceased members upon the Sabbath. It will be followed hereafter during this session, and probably will become the general practice in the house in the future. Heretofore, except on very rare occasions, the house has broken in on its executive work Friday and Saturday to listen to eulogies on deceased members, but the time has seldom been propitious, and latterly the practice has been meeting with growing disfavor. On account of the pressure of public business at this session it was decided to hold these memorial sessions on Sunday this time.

At the session tribute was paid to the life and public services of the late Representative Russell, of Connecticut, and Shepard and De Graffenried, of Texas, each of whom died during the congressional recess. The attendance in the galleries was quite large, and there was a numerous assemblage of friends of the deceased members on the floor.

THE PLAGUE AT MAZATLAN.

Money Pouring in from All Parts of the Country—Deaths Continue and New Cases Reported.

Mexico City, Jan. 26.—The charity committee at Mazatlan has received up to date \$120,000 for use in combating the plague. Money is still pouring in from all parts of the country. The official bulletin from Mazatlan reports four deaths and four new cases for Wednesday last, and for Thursday reports five deaths and two new cases. The total number of cases in the hospital was 44, five of which were serious. At the pavilions are housed 320 persons, none of whom is sick.

Dr. J. H. Grimes, the babonle plague expert who offered his services to the government, has been notified to hold himself in readiness to proceed to the stricken city.

CARNEGIE AID NOT WANTED.

Canadian Archbishop Would Refuse What He Calls Alms from an American Millionaire.

Montreal, Can., Jan. 26.—Archbishop Bruchesi, who has just returned from a trip to Rome, was the preacher at the cathedral Sunday afternoon. In the course of his remarks he said that he thought, as archbishop and citizen of Montreal, that when the city required a public library it was rich enough and proud enough to provide one without having recourse to the alms of an American millionaire. The city had been offered a Carnegie library under the usual conditions.

A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE.

Stromboli Volcano Again in Eruption, the Flames from the Crater Lighting Up the Sky.

Rome, Jan. 26.—After a brief spell of inactivity the volcano Stromboli is again in eruption. Great quantities of lava and stones are being thrown up and to an immense distance from the crater. The cone of the volcano is capped with a thick cloud of smoke. The eruption affords a magnificent spectacle at night, the flames rising from the crater illuminating the sky.

HANDLING A BIG LOAN.

New York Concerns Financing a Loan of Forty Million Dollars for the Pennsylvania Company.

New York, Jan. 25.—About a dozen banks and other corporations, including several of the leading insurance companies, are interested in the loan of \$40,000,000 negotiated by Kahn, Loeb & Co. for the Pennsylvania railroad. The statement comes from a member of the syndicate that the money was loaned at 4½ per cent, flat, no commission having been paid.

Taken of French Gratitude.

New York, Jan. 25.—There is now on exhibition in this city a Sevres vase, four feet three inches high, that has been presented to the Society of the Cincinnati by the French government in gratitude for the courtesy shown to the Rochambeau mission.

Killed in a General Fight.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Jan. 26.—In a general fight between Mexicans and negroes on the farm of the Angelina Ordnance Co., William McGhee, the white foreman, was killed and four Mexicans were seriously cut, three probably fatally.

Denver Saloons Held Up.

Denver, Col., Jan. 25.—Three saloons were held up just before midnight Friday night, all within three or four blocks of the state house. Nearly \$1,000 was secured by the robbers.

RECIPROCITY WITH CUBA.

It Threatens to Raise Serious Differences Between Great Britain and the United States.

A CALL MADE ON LORD LANSDOWNE.

The Matter of So Much Importance That a Special Meeting of the British Cabinet Has Been Summoned to Consider What Action Would Best Be Taken.

London, Jan. 25.—The reciprocity treaty between Cuba and the United States threatens to raise one of the most serious differences of opinion between Great Britain and the United States that has occurred for years. So much importance is attached to the matter that a meeting of the cabinet is being specially summoned to see what action can be taken. There is, of course, no alarmist feeling as to any possible straining of diplomatic relations, but Great Britain's entire commercial policy is believed to be vitally concerned. The matter came to a head through the deputation from the chamber of commerce of the United Kingdom which waited on Foreign Secretary Lansdowne Friday. It included several members of parliament and represented the most powerful business interests from all the British industrial centers.

Lord Lansdowne's Response.

Replying to the delegates' argument that all the advantages which the government had gained by securing the abolition of the sugar bounties would be sacrificed if the Cuban reciprocity treaty became operative, Lord Lansdowne said he thoroughly realized the gravity of the situation and proceeded to read dispatches showing that Ambassador Herbert had forcefully represented the British objections to the treaty, pointing out that it was, to all intents and purposes, a discrimination against all the British possessions in the West Indies. Secretary Hay's reply maintained that the United States was doing no more than it had the right to do, and indicated that it had no intention of modifying the Cuban treaty.

An Alleged Secret Clause.

The delegates said they understood that the treaty contains a secret clause stipulating that no further measures of reciprocity shall be undertaken by the United States towards the British West Indies. If such was the case it was suggested to Lord Lansdowne that Great Britain would be only within her rights in retaliating with an increased duty on grain. The foreign secretary gave no intimation on this point, which apparently was only suggested in the hope that some of the members of the cabinet, who are reported to be strongly in favor of a more protectionist policy, might use it as a handle to forward their views.

ANOTHER REVOLT FEARED.

News from China Indicates that a Crisis is Imminent and the Officials Powerless.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 26.—The steamers Athenian and Tremont arrived Sunday from the orient. The steamers bring further news of the revolution in Kansu. One correspondent telegraphs to the Shanghai papers from Lashakow to the effect that unless Tung Fuh Siang is suppressed the powers will soon find themselves face to face with a tiger revolt that two years ago. Missionaries are already beginning to leave the threatened district.

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CLEVELAND, KY., Dec. 28, 1902.—"I was laid up in bed with my back and

Just as an Experiment.

"I cannot live without you," he urged. "Do you know," she returned thoughtfully, "I am very fond of experiments."

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Hicks—I bought some oil stock nearly a year ago, and the fellow who sold it to me declared the company was already in operation. I'll bet they haven't sunk a single hole yet.

Wicks—Oh! I wouldn't say that. They must have at least the hole in which they're going to leave the stockholders.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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